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SUBJECT: FRANCO-IRANIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION

REF: A. PARIS 27957 B. TEHERAN 9979 C. STATE 258652

SUMMARY: FRENCH SALE OF TWO NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS TO IRAN WAS SWEETENED BY AN AGREEMENT CALLING FOR SUBSTANTIAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING AN IRANIAN NUCLEAR CENTER. SALE PRICE WAS NOT ANNOUNCED. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE CEA PRESS RELEASE DATED NOVEMBER 21 ON FRENCH-IRANIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION' WHICH AUGMENTS THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN REF A.

2. ON NOVEMBER 18, IN THE PRESENCE OF MICHEL D'ORNANO, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH, SEVERAL ACCORDS WERE SIGNED IN IRAN BETWEEN AKBAR ETEMAD, PRESIDENT OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION (AEO) OF IRAN ON ONE SIDE AND THE AUTHORITIES OF THE CEA, EDF AND FRAMATOME-CREUSOT LOIRE, ON THE OTHER SIDE. TOGETHER, THE DOCU-  
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MENTS CONSTITUTE THE LARGEST NUCLEAR CONTRACT SIGNED

BY THE FRENCH ABROAD, AND REPRESENT A FIRST CONCRETIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE AREA OF PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY CONCLUDED DURING THE VISIT OF HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS THE SHAH OF IRAN LAST JUNE. THE MEMORANDUM WHICH WAS JUST SIGNED CALLS FOR:

- A PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE CEA AND THE AEO FOR THE CREATION OF A NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER IN IRAN. THIS PROTOCOL STIPULATES THAT THE CONCEPTION, ORGANIZATION AND REALIZATION WILL BE JOINTLY ASSURED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE CEA WILL FURNISH BY THE INTERMEDIARY OF TECHNICATOME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT, WHICH INCLUDES RESEARCH REACTORS AND A SMALL UNIT FOR PRODUCING ELECTRICITY (IN PRINCIPLE, A SMALL POWER REACTOR OF 34 MEGAWATTS ELECTRICITY BASED ON THE CAP REACTOR AT CADARACHE), EVENTUALLY, A UNIT FOR DESALINATION OF SEAWATER, AND ALL THE LABORATORIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR INFORMATION ANALYSIS AND PROCESSING THAT IS REQUIRED FOR TRAINING PERSONNEL AND PERFORMING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON REACTORS, THE ENVIRONMENT WATER PROBLEMS (DESALINATION), AND UTILIZATION OF RADIO ISOTOPES.
- A LETTER OF INTENTION FOR THE PURCHASE FROM THE FIRM FRAMATOME OF TWO PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS OF 900 MEGAWATTS ELECTRIC, BOTH IN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN OVERALL PROGRAM OF 5000 MEGAWATT ELECTRIC. THESE TWO REACTORS SHOULD BE PUT INTO OPERATION

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BETWEEN 1982 AND 1983.

- A GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION/SIGNED THE SAME DAY BY MARCEL BOITEUX, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE EDF, FOR THE TRAINING OF NECESSARY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AND FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH AEO.

- A MEMORANDUM SIGNED BY ANDRE GIRAUD, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CEA, CALLING FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONCRETE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CEA AND THE AEO IN THE AREA OF THE FUEL CYCLE:

1) EXPLORATION AND EVENTUALLY MINING EXPLOITATION IN IRAN, INCLUDING THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL; 2) EVENTUAL PARTICIPATION BY IRAN IN MINING DEVELOPMENTS CARRIED ON BY THE CEA IN AFRICA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD; 3) PROVISION BY THE CEA OF ENRICHED URANIUM NECESSARY FOR THE FUNCTIONING OVER 10 YEARS OF THE POWER STATIONS ORDERED FROM FRANCE; AND 4) A NEW EXAMINATION AT THE END OF THE YEAR OF THE POSSIBILITY OF

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COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT.

3. COMMENT: NO ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE OF THE PRICE, THOUGH ONE NEWSPAPER SPECULATED IT WOULD BE OF THE SAME ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF NUCLEAR PLANTS BUILT IN FRANCE, THAT IS, 1.3 BILLION FRANCS, OR ABOUT \$275 MILLION. THIS FIGURE WOULD APPEAR TO BE TOO LOW.  
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